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To require a certification and review of the impact of offshore wind industrialization on military readiness and radar and sonar capabilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, and Mr. VAN DREW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Military
5 Readiness from Offshore Wind Industrialization Inter-
6 ference Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the President, or the Presi-
4 dent’s designee, shall certify in writing that—

5 (1) offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic
6 and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas will not weaken,
7 degrade, interfere with, or nullify the capability of
8 radar and sonar relied upon by the Armed Forces;
9 and

10 (2) the development of offshore wind projects in
11 the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas
12 will not degrade the capabilities of the Armed Forces
13 or limit the ability of the Armed Forces to conduct
14 combat operations, training, or rescue missions.

15 (b) NATIONAL SECURITY ACTION.—Should the
16 President, or the President’s designee, find that certifi-
17 cation under subsection (a) is untenable, the President
18 shall ensure that all projects presenting a threat to na-
19 tional security are halted under the authority of the Presi-
20 dent to protect the national security of the United States.

21 **SEC. 3. DOD INSPECTOR GENERAL STUDY AND REPORT ON**
22 **OFFSHORE WIND PROJECTS IN THE NORTH**
23 **ATLANTIC AND MID-ATLANTIC PLANNING**
24 **AREAS.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) INSPECTOR GENERAL STUDY.—The Inspector General of Department of Defense shall conduct a study on—

(A) the effects of offshore wind industrialization on radar and sonar and on military air and maritime traffic; and

(B) the sufficiency of the review and approval process for offshore wind projects in the North Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic Planning Areas.

(2) ELEMENTS OF STUDY.—In conducting the study required under paragraph (1), the Inspector General shall—

(A) investigate—

(i) whether offshore wind projects will weaken, compromise, interfere with, or nullify the usage of radar and sonar used by the Armed Forces, and any effects such projects may have on radar and sonar used by the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the United States Maritime Administration; and

(ii) the sufficiency of the process for approving offshore wind projects and the

1 effect of such projects on radar and sonar,
2 including the consultation process between
3 the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,
4 the Department of Defense, the Federal
5 Aviation Administration, the United States
6 Maritime Administration, and the Military
7 Aviation and Installation Assurance Siting
8 Clearinghouse;

9 (B) conduct an audit of the approval appli-
10 cations by the Military Aviation and Installation
11 Assurance Siting Clearinghouse regarding con-
12 cerns voiced over the effect of offshore wind
13 projects on—

14 (i) radar;

15 (ii) sonar;

16 (iii) the ability to identify airborne
17 threats;

18 (iv) the freedom to navigate United
19 States airspace or water; and

20 (v) the ability to train within United
21 States airspace or waters;

22 (C) determine whether any offshore wind
23 projects will affect, alter, or disrupt military
24 aviation flight paths;

1 (D) determine whether any offshore wind
2 projects will affect, compromise, inhibit, or nul-
3 lify the use of radar and sonar technologies by
4 the Armed Forces and any agencies carrying
5 out space launch programs;

6 (E) address how offshore wind energy
7 projects affect low-level military airspace and
8 freedom of maritime navigation off the Atlantic
9 Coast;

10 (F) determine whether any offshore wind
11 project in the North Atlantic or Mid-Atlantic
12 Planning Areas will affect, compromise, or in-
13 hibit the ability of the United States Coast
14 Guard to conduct maritime safety and life-
15 saving operations;

16 (G) determine whether approved offshore
17 wind projects, and yet undeveloped offshore
18 wind leasing areas, significantly alter military
19 operations, degrade capability development, or
20 present risks to national security; and

21 (H) determine whether the mitigation
22 strategies laid out in the 2016 Department of
23 Defense report titled “Report on the Impact of
24 Wind Energy Developments on Military Instal-
25 lations” are sufficient, achievable and, realistic.

1 (b) REPORT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the In-
4 spector General shall submit to Congress a report
5 containing the findings of the study conducted under
6 subsection (a).

7 (2) FORM OF REPORT.—The report required
8 under paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassi-
9 fied form, but may include a classified annex.

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